

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, December 9, 2015, to discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the FBI.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:03p.m. The meeting was held in Room 201 of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Councilmember Konrad E. Herling was unable to attend due to illness.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Jessica Bellah, Community Planner and David Moran, Assistant City Manager

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Garth Beall, Renard Development; Keith Chernikoff, Matt Johnson, Nicole Williams, Brian Gibbons and Jeff Lemieux, APB; Cary Coppick, Bill Cornett, Bill Orleans, Ellen Bradst, residents and Diane Oberg, News Review

Mayor Jordan began with introductions. Ms. Bellah explained that this was the first draft of the EIS. She stated the EIS identifies major impacts.

Mr. Beall presented a PowerPoint. He indicated the significant adverse impact for Greenbelt was the security fencing in the floodplain. There are also concerns about the security setbacks at the FBI facility and how these are accomplished. Ms. Davis expressed concern about concrete or other impervious security structures which might be located in sensitive environmental areas.

For the Springfield site, Mr. Beall stated the major impact is the existing tenants on the site. For the Landover site, the major issue is that it is two miles from the nearest Metro station.

Mr. Beall indicated that Greenbelt is the most transit oriented site and has the least traffic impact. He noted that this project had 43% of the AM impact and 26% of the PM impact of the prior mixed use development. He discussed the traffic analysis.

Mr. Beall reviewed the beneficial impacts listed in the EIS.

There was discussion about traffic improvements to Edmonston Road and the intersections at Sunnyside Avenue and Powder Mill Road. Several mitigation measures were discussed,

Mr. Beall reviewed the adverse impacts listed in the EIS.

There was discussion of the shadows cast by the mixed use buildings on the north College Park neighborhood. Mr. Beall presented shadow studies.

Mr. Putens asked if a lease arrangement was off the table. Mr. Beall responded that Federal appropriation was the leading option. He reported that the FBI still favored a lease.

Council discussed next steps, noting that comments were due by January 6. Council agreed to have a briefing on the upcoming December 14 Regular Meeting agenda and likely direct staff to prepare a letter that could be approved at a special meeting on January 4.

The meeting ended at 10:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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